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SUBJECT: ITALIAN VIEWS ON PREPARATIONS FOR BELGRADE

1. THE ITALIAN DELEGATION HAS CIRCULATED COMMENTS ON PREPARATIONS FOR BELGRADE WHICH ADDRESS NEW PROPOSALS, THE FORMAT OF THE FINAL DOCUMENT, AND MEDITERRANEAN ISSUES.

2. NEW PROPOSALS. THE ITALIANS AGREE WITH THE US VIEW (STATE 0848L8 NOTAL) THAT ALLIES SHOULD PRESENT A LIMITED NUMBER OF NEW PROPOSALS AT BELGRADE. WITH REGARD TO THE BELGIAN HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVE, ITALIANS SHARE OUR VIEW THAT THE OPTION OF A HUMAN RIGHTS COURT SHOULD NOT BE PURSUED. THEY BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THE BELGIAN SECOND ALTERNATIVE OF AN EXPERT GROUP SHOULD NOT BE EXCLUDED, IF ONLY FOR ITS "MORAL AND TACTICAL VALUE". A POSSIBLE WESTERN PROPOSAL ON THE RIGHT OF INDIVIDUAL TO DIVULGE INFORMATION ON HIS RIGHTS TO OTHERS APPEARS TO ITALIANS TO BE WORTHY OF FURTHER STUDY. IN GENERAL, ITALIANS COMMENT THAT PROPOSALS WHICH APPEAR UNACCEPTABLE OR
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PRIMARILY OF A PROPAGANDA NATURE SHOULD BE AVOIDED. THEY WOULD NOT EXCLUDE, HOWEVER, SOME VERY LIMITED PROPOSALS HAVING TACTICAL UTILITY.

3. AS TO THE FORMAT OF THE BELGRADE FINAL DOCUMENT, THE ITALIANS AGREE IN GENERAL WITH THE CONSIDERATIONS EXPRESSED BY THE US (STATE 080339-NOTAL). THEY BELIEVE THE

FORM SHOULD BE SOMETHING BETWEEN A PROCES VERBAL AND A FINAL COMMUNIQUE, AT A LEVEL DEFINITELY INFERIOR TO THAT OF THE FINAL ACT.

4. ON MEDITERRANEAN ISSUES, THE ITALIANS BELIEVE THAT THE PROCEDURAL SITUATION HAS CHANGED SINCE GENEVA AND HELSINKI BECAUSE THE FINAL ACT CONTAINS A CHAPTER ON THE MEDITERRANEAN. WHILE OPPOSING ENLARGEMENT OF THE BELGRADE MEETINGS TO INCLUDE ISSUES NOT PERTAINING TO THE AREA DEFINED BY THE CSCE, ITALY FAVORS INCREASED PARTICIPATION BY THE MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES WHICH DID NOT SIGN THE FINAL ACT. ITALY WOULD SUPPORT ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AD HOC GROUP OR COMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH MEDITERRANEAN ISSUES RELATED TO ECONOMIC AND SECURITY PROBLEMS, WITH POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS AND INTERVENTIONS ON THE PART OF THE MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES CONCERNED. ITALY IS DRAWING UP A LEGAL STUDY ON THIS SUBJECT, AS WELL AS ONE ON PARTICIPATION AT BELGRADE BY THE EC. STREATOR

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